GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM AND CULTURE
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VISIT OF TOURISTS IN MAHARASHTRA
DILIP KUMAR MANSUKHLAL GANDHI

Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of tourists including foreign tourists who have visited Shirdi in Maharashtra during the last three years; and

(b) the details of assistance given/to be given for the development of Shirdi during the year 2000-2001 ?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTHKUMAR)

(a) Information on place-wise tourist visits is not maintained by the State Government of Maharashtra. However, the estimated tourist visits to the state as a whole for the last three years are as given below.

Year	Domestic	Foreign
1997	6974453	977691
1998	7183687	980850
1999	7542871	1033816

(b): The development of tourism is undertaken by the State Governments/U.T.Administrations. However, the Department of Tourism, Government of India provides Central Financial Assistance for the projects identified every year in consultation with them. An amount of Rs.27.00 lakhs has been sanctioned for expansion and upgradation of tourist Bungalow at Shirdi and Rs.25.00 lakhs for upgradation of the restaurant, tourist reception area, etc. at Pilgrim Inn, Shirdi.